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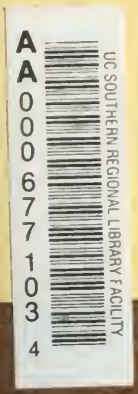

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The true Report of the honourable *ſeruice for England, perfourmed by Sir* FRAVNCIS DRAKE in the moneths of Aprill and May laſt paſt, 1587. vpon Cales, and alſo ſince that in the *Cape S. Vincent* and *Cape Saker*: diſcoured at large with euerie ſeuerall exploit of their fortunate ſucceſſe, according to their owne Letters, which likewiſe is confirmed by thoſe that came from thence.

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TO THE RIGHT HONO-

rable *Charles L. Howard*, Baron of Effingham, *Knight of the Honourable Order of the Garter, and high Admirall of* England, Ireland, and VVales, the dominions and Isles *of the same, of the Towne of* Callice, *and the marches thereof, of* Normandy, Gascoigne, *and* Guines, *and Captaine generall of all her Maiesties Seas and Nauie Royall, increase of honors, and happinesse to his harts desire.*

IT hath euer (Right Honorable) bene an obseruatiō amongst schollers, when they intended to commit their exercises to the iudgement of others, to shroude them selues vnder the patronage of some honorable personage; but I more honoring the noble minded, thē able to expresse my good will, follow his opinion, that if he wrot of the dignity of a Crowne, dedicated his labours to a King: if of the estate, to a graue Counsellor: if of religion, to a Iudiciall Diuine: if of tillage, to the experienced Husbandman: but if of the Seas, to the learned Admirall. So I, writing of high matters, concerning the good fortune of the Seas, shrowde my selfe vnder the sailes of the L. high Admirall: whose heroical mind I know to be such, that you repute it fellonie to robbe a Souldier of his honour, and iniurie to hide what deserued honour is wonne by a Subiect to his Soueraigne: for vertue ioyned with noblenes, is a mixture of true humanitie. And because (as *Dion* saith) the world is a huge cake of mingled conceits,

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and the multitude, as a many hedded beaſt, rumoring they knowe not what, and murmuring they know not whereas, ſome forward & wiſhing wel, others froward & diſcoraging the well minded: which made me the bolder to publiſh for the comfort of my countrimen, the honorable ſeruice of that fortunate Engliſh ſouldier Sir *Frauncis Drake*, according to ſuch coppies as I haue compaſſed of the ſame, which I haue conferd with diuers that were eye witneſſes in that expedition: in which I carry this conſideration, that ſuch as proue apoſtatates from the field, backſliding from their ſeruice, might be preferd to be field biſhops, and ſuch as haue not yet ſeene the honor and daunger, may be ſpurred forward to reape in this harueſt of renowne: For when *Darius* king of *Percia* clapt *Nabarzanes* on the back ſaying, now *Nabarzanes* for thy country, he made way as a fier through the throng of the *Macedonians*, that before ſtudied what hee were beſt to do: and the applauſe of the people to the ſucceſſe of that Conquering *Affrican*, put a double edge to his ſword, and added a triple courage to his minde to dye immortall, for honor is like ſpice which as the more it is punned in the morter, the ſweeter it ſmels; ſo honor, the more it is toſſed in the mindes and mouthes of men truely, the higher it climes: In this reſpect am I animated to this enterpriſe, and this I humbly beſeech your honor to countenance, that as ſome do, ſo all true Engliſh heartes maye reioyce, and praye for his proſperous ſucceſſe, which the Almightie God direct and defend in all their proceedings.

Your honors humble in all
ſeruice H. H.

The moſt fortunate and honourable *ſeruice for England, perfourmed by Sir* FRAVNCIS DRAKE in CALES the 19 of Aprill, 1587. with his lateſt exploits in *Cape S. Vincent* and *Cape Saker*, done the 21. of May: written *by a Gentleman of his companie to on^e of his freends, as the verie truth of this expedition and ſucceſſe.*

When we recount the incomparable commodities daily flowing into this Realme, eſpecially from the firſt foundation thereof; how can we doe leſſe then ſpéde to the temple of the Lord to ſpeake the praiſes of his name? When we obſerue the infinitenes of our ſinnes, and compare them with the mercies of the Lorde, then with contrition of heart, and humilitie of ſpirit may we ſay; Sure the Lord hath done great things for vs, hée hath hardened the heart of Pharao, but drowned his multitudes in the Sea: he cut off Achitophell in his pride, and preſerued Dauid in his proſperitie: he hath vnto our enemies laide out a puniſhment, by the frowning of the heauens, by the barrenneſſe of the earth, and emptines of the ſea: but vnto vs hath he raigned plentie, and Manna, euen in the wildernes of our wickednes: Euerie winde blowes home into our houſes, the good and fortunate ſucceſſe of our frendes, euerie ſunne ſhineth to our comforts, euerie riuer floweth with increaſe, and euerie day brings new tidings of Englands happines, *which God in mercie long and euer continue*. But if we compare other Realmes with this, and withall ſearch the memorable hiſtories that regiſters the liues of our forefathers, we then may in agonie of heart burſt out & ſay: *Our vnthankfulnes doth threaten puniſhment, and there is no way to withſtand the wrath of the iuſt God.* Run ouer the liues of a few Romaines, and obſerue their care of their common wealth, (and as thou readeſt, let not the life of this Engliſhman be forgotten which occaſioned) my diſ-

courſe.) Caius Marius, when hee had conquered his countries enimies, & brought Rome to her height, triumphing as a goddeſſe ouer the world, in concluſion of euery exploit, dedicated his ſacrifices to the Gods, as the authors of euerie good that had befortuned him: although in his face hee carried the countenaunce of maieſtie, and by his ſpæch hee bred terrour to his enimie. Scipio that Affrican conquerour in all his victories, did neuer aſcribe his ſucceſſe to himſelfe, but gaue the honour to the Gods, ſacrificing his whole honour to them, and diſpoſing himſelfe for his countrie. Yet died not Scipio, without the ſlaunder of old Cato: nor ſhould honour liue in anie, without the enuie of manie.

Cæſars Comment. li. 4.

When Julius Cæſar had ouerrun the world (almoſt) with his multitudes ſubiecting the Gales, leading Belgick captiue, terrifying Spaine by his report, and carrying Affrick at his girdle (in a manner.) Yet ſaid he, not Cæſar hath done this, but the gods: giuing the glory to the heauens, and leauing the honour to his name. So the heathen ſet vs downe a rule, that is to diſpoſe our liues for our country, to aſcribe our honours to God, to begin in his feare, to continue in his truth, and to end to his praiſe: ſo hath this memorable man Sir Fraunces Drake done: hee hath ſtudied to withſtand his countries enimies, labored to enrich vs by their impouerriſhment, and made vs ſtrong by their weakening: his firſt attempt was concluded with a golden purchaſe, his ſecond ended with no leſſe honour, and his laſt ſeruice is now knowne to be no leſſe fortunate then the prowdeſt Romaine whoſe honour Plutarch reports to the full. The

Mirror of Magiſtrates.

Author of that mirror of Tragedies touching Britiſh princes, amongſt others bringeth in Ninius, complaining that his honours were forgotten, and left vnwritten, and diſcourſing his life ſets down how his death was only by offending Cæſar and defending his countrie, making his Cataſtrophe mightily to perſwade others to the like honor. Then let not this ſeruant of our Caſtibilane reſt without his reward, but regiſter his deedes, write his honours in golde, and praiſe for his ſucceſſe: he hath not incountred Cæſar,

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yet tane away his ſwoꝛd: he hath not frée his countrie, yet he defendeth it, by wounding the enimie, and breaking his ſpeare: and in al his actions obſerue but his oꝛder, and then can you not but confeſſe it is full of honour. The diſtaunce of his being hath not bꝛed anie forgetfulnes of his frends: his letters are at large of his ſucceſſe, and his exploits exꝑreſſed rather by others then himſelfe (ſauing what in duetie he muſt of foꝛce ſet downe.) But the frendly lines full of loue that he wꝛit to that reuerend father M. Fox ſhowes his deuotion, and confirmes his religion, wherein amongſt other matters was theſe woꝛdes in effect: hartie thankes foꝛ his paines, his loue, and ꝑrayers, with an earneſt requeſt that he would continually ꝑray foꝛ him, in that hee reſolued that he ſped the better foꝛ his good ꝑrayers, but all too ſone foꝛ vs was the good olde father of the Church departed before his letters came, to the foꝛrow of the ſender, bꝛinger, and hearers. *His loue vnto M. Foxe.*

His ſeruice and ſucceſſe is ſéene hourely amongſt vs, which becauſe the coppies are common, and the publiſhing may be offenſiue to ſome, I will trip ouer them ſwiftly (as the dogs of Nilus dꝛinkes) leaſt I fall into daunger.

He hauing diſcouered (by aduiſe of 2 ſhips of Middleborough that came from Cales, with whom we met in 40. degrées the 16. of Apꝛill) and by them vnderſtanding that there was great ꝑrouiſion in Cales & there about, appointed to come foꝛ Liſhbourne, he with all ſpéede poſſible did bend his foꝛce thither to cut of their power & ꝑroniſion.

So as the 19 of Apꝛill an houre before Sun ſetting, hée entred the Harbour of Cales, and his Fléete: there checked with vs at the entring thwart the Towne 6 Gallies, but they in ſhoꝛt time retyꝛed vnder their foꝛtreſſes.

There were in the Roade 60 ſhippes, and diuers other ſmall ſhipping vnder the foꝛtreſſes.

There fled ſome 20 French ſhips to Port Royall, & ſome Spaniards which could not bee hindered of the flight by reaſon of the ſhieldes.

There were ſunke by vs at our comming in with ſhot

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one Argoſie of 1000. tunne, furniſhed with xxx.peeces of braſſe, and richly laden.

There were ij Gallies more came preſently from port royall, and ij. other from S. Marie port, but all in vaine therpence of powder and ſhot the greateſt gaine to themſelues.

There were to the number of 38. ſhips vndertaken before night, and victors of the Rode, the Gallies retyring vnder the fortres.

Twentie hulkes Hollanders confiſcated to the king, and their goods ſold to the kings vſe, xxiiij. of them were fired, the other fire were at port royall laden with wines, and bread, and to be preſently full laden for Liſhborne.

One Carrick of 1400. tunnes appertayning to the Marques of S. Cruſe, fired.

Fiue great Biſkeis fired, foure of them, lading & taking in of victual for the kings prouiſion for Liſhborne, the fifth a ſhip of 1000. tunne bound for Liſhborne, hauing in her great ſtore of pipes, much yron, nailes ſpikes, yron hoopes, and ſuch like, fired.

One ſhattey laden with wines, of 200. and 50. tunnes for the kings prouiſion, which we brought to ſea with vs, and diſcharged at ſea part of her wines for the prouiſion of the fleete, and then fired her.

Three fly botes of about 400. tunne laden with biſket, whereof the one being of 200. tunne and vpwardes, wee halfe vnladed in the harbor and fired her, the other two are yet with vs in companie.

Some ten Barkes more laden with wines, reaſons, figges, oyle, wheate, and ſuch like fired.

By ſuppoſition xxxviij. ſhips and barkes fired, ſunke and brought away with vs, amounting in iudgement 13000. tunne of ſhipping.

There rid in ſight of vs at porte royall by eſtimation aboue 40. ſailes beſides thoſe that fledde from Cales rode.

They gaue vs little eaſe during our abode there, with their ſhot from the Gallies, as alſo from the fortreſſes and

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from the ſhore, where continually they planted newe ordinance at all places conuenient to offend, notwithſtanding their ſhips we continually fired as the flud came thereby, to be cleared of them, which terrible fiers were pleaſaunt vnto vs to behold, and mittigated the continuall burthen of trauell which lay vpon vs day and night in diſcharging, firing, and vnlading ſuch prouiſions, with obſeruations for good and gardable defence for the enimie.

It pleaſed God by the Generall his great care and paines day and night to fynish this happye action in her Maieſties ſeruice in one day and two nightes, and came forth againe the fryday in the morning, with verye little loſſe thankes be to God.

Of xij. Gallies and thoſe that came from port royall and S. Marie port, ten of them came forth after vs as it were to make ſome paſtime with their great ordinance, at length the wind ſcanting, we caſt about againe and ſtode in for the ſhore, and came to an ankor within a league of Cales, where their Gallies ſuffered vs to ride quietly.

There were alſo three Fliebotes more at Mallegoe laden with Biſket bounde for Cales, and ſoe for Liſhborne we vnderſtand of great prouiſions and forces prouided within the ſtraights, we doubt not but as God hath begunne this worke in great happines, to the daunting of the enymye, ſo God will bleſſe this Armye in cutting daylye their forces ſhorter, to the great annoyance of the enimye, and to the honour of our prince and countrie.

We now haue had the experience of Galley fights, wherin I can aſſure you, that theſe onely foure of her Maieſties ſhippes, will make no account of xx. gallies, ſo as they were alone and not driuen to gard others.

There were neuer gallies had place fitter for their aduãtage in fight vpon ſhot, they had preſent ſuccour to grounde vnder the towne, which they ſundry times did, we riding in a narrowe gutte the place yeelding no better, in that wee were driuẽ to maintaine the ſame vntil we had diſcharged

and ſyred the ſhips, which could not conueniently be done but vpon the ſloud, therby that they might driue cleare of vs.

We reſt now victualed with bread and drinke for fiue moneths in our ſhippes, and bread beſides in y. Fliebotes to maintaine a good armie three moneths.

It may ſeeme ſtraunge or rather miraculous that ſo great an exploit, ſhould be performed with ſo ſmall loſſe, conſidering the place ſo conuenient, and their force ſo great as well appeared, from whom were ſhot at the leaſt at vs iij.C. Culuering and Cannon ſhot, but in this, as in all other our actions heretofore (although dangerouſly attempted, yet moſt fortunately performed) our God wil, and hath alwaies made his infinite power to all papiſts apparant, and his name by vs his ſeruants vnder our bleſſed prince (whoſe life the Lord prolong) to be continually glorified.

Your louing Coſsin *Thomas Fenner.*

And thus hauing ſet downe our full action hetherunto performed as a beginning or entrance into greater matters, although this being wayed, conſidering the quantitie of victuall prouided, the diſapointment of the ſame, the infinite loſſe in goods (beſides his ſhippings) I can by no meanes rate it at leſſe then one hundred thouſand pounds in ſpoile, this I ſay conſidered, may be thought an honorable peece of ſeruice, the honour whereof we attribute to the giuer of all victories, whoſe name be prayſed, and the credit to our generall, whoſe trauel and paines being ſo great cannot be rewarded with too much praiſe: his due I wiſh him, nam operarius mercedem meruit.

This was the firſt exploit of his laſt voiage: the ſecond was thus as followeth in this Letter dated May 21.

Maiſter W. you ſhal vnderſtand that ſince the departure of Captaine Croſſe, we haue continued about Cape Saker

Saker, where we landed, and the better to haue the benefite of the water, as alſo to ride in harborough at our pleaſure, we aſſaulted the ſame Caſtle and three other ſtrong holdes, which we toke, ſome by force, and ſome by ſubmiſſion.

We haue taken at ſeuerall times of ſhipping, Barkes, and Caruels aboue an hundreth, laden with hoopes, gally-oares, pipe ſtaues, timber, and other prouiſions of the king of Spaines, for the furniſhing of his forces intended againſt England, which we burned, and haue conſumed all the Fiſher boates and nettes thereabouts, to their great hinderance.

Thence we came before the Hauen of Liſhbon, ancouring neere vnto Caſt Cales, where the Marques of S. Cruſe was with his Gallies, and ſeeing vs chaſe his ſhips aſhore, to take and carrie away his Barkes and Caruels, was content to ſuffer vs there quietlie to tarrie and likewiſe to depart, and neuer charged vs with one Cannon ſhot.

Thus for want of time I leaue the diſcourſe of euerie particular euent vnto Captaine Parker, who hath beene an eie witneſſe, and an actor in all our ſeruices paſt. From Cape Saker aboard hir Maieſties good ſhippe the Elizabeth Bonauenture, the 21. of May 1587.

Your louing frend *F. Drake.*

And this is the laſt and all the ſeruice yet done wherof newes is come to England, being full of valour, daunger, and honour: a maime to the enimie, and an arme to vs, in that by their waining we ware ſtronger. It hath been euer a cuſtome amongſt the auncient Romaines, to ſurname ſuch renowned ſouldiers, as Scipio was called the Affrican of his conqueſt: Hanniball the ſcourge of Rome: Licurgus the proppe of Athens: Alexander the fire of Perſia. And to come nearer (for our owne Chronicles wants no coppie of ſuch honors) Edmund was ſurnamed Ironſide of his valour: William the Norman, conqueror: Edward the third, the king to Fraunce: Henry the fift, the ſurrower of Gallia:

Henry the 8. the terror of his enimies. And to come yet nérer: we haue now ſome liuing who for their honorable ſeruice againſt the enimie, are called raſh & fortunate: others forward, but vnluckie: others hot and terrible: and infinite honors are aſcribed to thē, drawn forcible by their valours out of the mouth of ỳ aduerſarie. Amongſt al which, wherein (for a ſubiect) is this Scipio inferiour to Haniball? who is
Note this compariſon
ſeaſed for his fortunes, & honored in his ſeruice. I remember in the time of Edward the 3. king of England, and in the French expedition, that Edward the blacke prince (ſo ſurnamed for the blacke battails he fought in Fraunce) ſeeing his honorable ſubiect & friend the Lord Audley wounded to the death in the forefront of the ſeruice, of his bountie gaue to him and his heires yearely for euer 4000. crownes, whether he euer or neuer recouered. The languiſhing noble man accepting the gift, and learning of his Lord & general (as well as taught by nature) to bee honorable, in the preſence of the Prince, gaue the ſame annual ſumme for euer to his foure Eſquiers that attended on his bodie: whereof béing reproued by the giuer, he anſwered; that in the ſeruice he had ſhown, thoſe foure were no leſſe forward to defend him, and offend the foemen, then himſelfe: and béing now robd by the enimie of a maiſter, he knewe it was his honour to leaue them maintenance: and wiſhed withall, that he were as able to enrich his whole company of followers ſeuerally, as he did theſe willingly. Herewith (though lamenting his death) the Prince conſented to his gift, & ſo will we burie him with our diſcourſe of him. Yet héere out I obſerue this, that Generals in actions of expedition, are bound by honor to reward the wel deſerning, yet is it not in the power of anie ſubiect to excéde the limits of his abilitie, but to reward where he is led by honour, & to content the reſt as he is commanded or allowed of thoſe that excéd him in authoritie. If we do but loke warily into ỳ worlds eſtate, we may then conclude with our Diuines: *Miſchiefe hath ſheathed deceit, & hipocriſie draws it.* And wiſely was the eſtate of Fraunce compared to a ſet at Primero: & properlie

do thoſe of Belgia figure their countrie by a woman aſſaulted on the foreſide by a Frenchman, & entrapt with palme on the other ſide by a Spaniard. And in another impreſa, they figure her rent by the haire of the head by the French, diſrobed by the Italian, bowelled by the Spaniſh, & ſuccored by the Engliſh: in which anatomizing their widowe cuntrie, whome do they commend & ſubmit vnto but their ſuccorers? whome doe they rewarde with honors & riches but their ſouldiers? whom do they reuerence, pray for, & cleaue vnto, but their Captaines, whom the Athenians called walles of their cuntries, whome the lawleſſe Scithians follow as ſtarres, the gluttonous Perſians adore as Gods, the rude Boetians run after as heads, & whom the hardie Lacedemonians reckon as comets, that blaze euer againſt good fortune. In Rome, what troupes of Senators, flocks of Nobles, & heards of Commons, would burſt as a ſea forth the gates, to reuerence the welcome conquerour, that either brought home honor or riches: and that was the cauſe that encouraged the better ſort to clime to vertue by honor, and enraged the worſer ſort to hunt after honour with a thirſt of vertue. They that ſpare the praiſe, are vnworthie ỹ profit: a deſerued commendation is a ſpurre to the mind, & he that obſcures the honour of a ſouldier or a ſcholler, wounds Mars, & ſlayes Mercury. Apelles drawing the counterfeite of Honor, portraicth her, holding a ſtarre in the one hand, & in the other a ſtone: meaning by this emblem, ỹ although noble mindes entitled with dignities ſhould reach as high as the ſkies, yet ỹ inferior might by vertue catch at ſtars. And as a Noble man without vertue is like a ſun beame couered with cloudes: ſo is a meaner man without valour like the bird Fawrus, ỹ hath a great voice, & almoſt no body. Man in all ages is maintained thus: In his cradle with milke, in his childhood with roddes, in greene youth with ſhame & good diſcipline, in mans eſtate with armes, in elder age with counſaile, & laſt of all with a ſtaffe till he goe ſenceleſſe to his graue: then if thou be a child, obey thy parents; if a man, ſerue thy Prince, and die for thy cuntrie; if

Honors portraiture.

Vertue ioined with noblenes is a mixture of true humanitie.

Man in all ages.

olde, counſaile others to honour ſouldiers when they ſerue not, and to ſerue for honour when they enter armes. This made the wolues Nurſery Romulus become both the firſt king and builder of Rome: This made the abiect Cirus weare the firſt Crowne in Perſia, Iuſtinus the ſwineheard Emperour in Conſtantinople, Valentinus the huſbandman Emperour in Rome, Telephanes the ſouldier king of Lidia: and this made Tarquinius Priſcus a ſtranger borne in Corinth, the ſonne of one Demaratus a baniſhed marchant from his Country, become a king in Rome. Yea, and by this in his life he became ſo famous, that he enlarged the confines of Italie, amplified the wealth and ſtate of the cuntrie, augmented the number of Senators, increaſed the orders of Knighthood, and left Rome ſo happie at his death, that the Citizens thereof would haue trauailed ſo farre as Corinth to ſpeede of ſo noble a Prince. Then muſt euerie man preaſe in ſeruice for preferment to honour, which ſprings of deſert, and ſuch as are not fortunate, muſt learn to follow and hope to finde, muſt leaue to enuie and grieue to ſlaunder, euer carrying the vpright mind of a religious ſubiect, that in hearing euill ſpoken of the good, to enter into conſideration ſtraight of the man and the matter, and ſo ſhall he ſift him out, either an enimie to the Eſtate or the Religion, that by rumors withdraw the willing and abuſe the beſt, to bring them in hatred of the worſt, becauſe hee knowes the common multitude is like a manie headed beaſt. But ſtudie euerie man rather to looke into the daunger of ſuch ſeruices (I meane in reſpect of their bodies that perfoormes it) and to thanke God for the victories, to pray for their proſperitie in their enterpriſes, and to incourage others to their ſupplies, ſo ſhal God be glorified, Nobilitie be honoured and animated, the peace of the Land maintained, and all men pleaſed.

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